

## CVA Endorsed By Oregon Grange Chief; Federal Farm Program Partially Okayed

COOS BAY, June 14.—(AP)—Morton Tompkins sounded the keynote of the annual State Grange Convention today by strongly endorsing the proposed Columbia Valley administration. State grange master since 1942, Tompkins urged the 700 delegates at the opening session of the convention to become "educators and apostles for CVA."

Tompkins' opening speech ranged over a wide variety of subjects, but mostly he dwelt on CVA, which he called a "home rule agency" and a "co-ordinated river program under a single agency."

He asserted that "CVA would mean a little bit of Washington, D. C. would be moved to the Northwest and our development would be guided by the people living in the region."

Tompkins gave approval of a sort to the government's farm program.

Of the Alken farm bill, passed in the 80th Congress to go into effect next year, and the Brannan farm proposal he said, however, that "to me at least none of them provide the ultimate answer to the problem."

They have the common fault, he continued, of not providing "some protection for all food and fiber crops."

Tompkins endorsed the flexible price support of the Alken bill, saying the alternative was "acreage controls and/or marketing quotas, which to me seems to be regimentation of the severest sort."

He said the Brannan proposal had "considerable merit," and its change in the parity base was close to the 1948 recommendation of the National Grange.

Legislators Scored

Tompkins lashed at state legislators who voted to amend initiative and referendum procedures in the last state assembly. He said those who voted to amend "were betraying their people," and proposed that their names be printed in the Grange Bulletin just prior to the next elections.

The Grange master urged again the repeal of an Oregon law that he said "invites large retail corporations to set up dummy corporations to which they transfer title to their store buildings . . .



**ATTENDS CONVENTION**—Richard Firman, 1936 Mulholland Drive, Roseburg, was a delegate from Roseburg Local 539 to the 52nd annual convention of the American Federation of Musicians in San Francisco. Firman is shown here in the auditorium, where he participated in the daily sessions. With the exception of two war years, the AFM has never skipped a convention since its founding in 1896. This year's meeting opened with a report by President James C. Patrillo to the 1,000 representatives of the union's 237,000 members.

thus evading their fair share of taxes."

Tompkins said unemployment is higher in the Northwest than elsewhere and that part of the reason was the freight rate level. He urged a downward revision.

He advocated another year's study by the Grange before reaching a decision on whether to support the National Health Insurance proposal. He likewise urged study of a proposed 1950 vote on increased state aid to schools.

**Resolution To Truman Demands Expense Slash**

WASHINGTON, June 14.—(AP)—A resolution directing President Truman to trim 5 to 10 per cent off funds voted by Congress for executive agencies was approved Monday by the Senate Expenditures Committee.

Chairman McClellan (D-Ark.) said the committee voted 8 to 2 for the resolution and added he will introduce it immediately.

He estimated that approval of the resolution by Congress and the President would mean savings of \$2,000,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000 in federal expenditures in the fiscal year starting July 1.

McClellan said he hoped that it would make possible a balanced budget without new taxes but added that would depend on how federal tax receipts hold up.

The committee acted in the midst of a quarrel between President Truman and the Senate Appropriations Committee over slashing European recovery funds.

**High Blood Pressure Said Worse Than Cancer**

PORTLAND, June 14.—(AP)—High blood pressure was called "four times more deadly than cancer" by two osteopaths at the opening of the annual Northwest Osteopathy convention today.

"Some day there will be an education campaign against hypertension" (high blood pressure), predicted Dr. Randall J. Chapman, Los Angeles, "just as there has been against cancer and polio."

**Cripple's \$500,000 Suit Against Railway Settled**

SPOKANE, June 14.—(AP)—Virgil E. Brannock has settled his \$500,000 suit against the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway Company out of court, attorneys said.

The amount of the settlement was not disclosed. Attorneys for both sides said it was "substantial."

Brannock lost both legs, one arm and part of a hand in an accident at the company's Portland yards last November. He was working for the line at the time.

Federal Judge Lloyd Black dismissed the suit when the attorneys signed a settlement stipulation today.

**Added Prison Sentence Given T. L. Cummings**

PORTLAND, June 14.—(AP)—Thomas L. Cummings was sentenced Monday to 10 years in the penitentiary, to be served after he finishes a 15-year term for manslaughter in the slaying of Alvin E. Jacopetti.

Monday's sentence was on a robbery charge.

A third possible action still faces Cummings. He announced during his trial that he "thought he might have" killed a girl friend in Alaska, and authorities here relayed his vague story to Anchorage for investigation.

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